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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws - Limousines - Luxury Sedans**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the definition of "limousine" to include a luxury sedan
4 that has a certain seating capacity, is not a sport utility vehicle, van, minivan, or
5 station wagon, and either is of the current model year or has a certain maximum
6 odometer reading; repealing an exemption, for a vehicle permit issued by the
7 Public Service Commission, to be used exclusively for limousine service, from a
8 certain annual assessment payable with respect to each vehicle permit to
9 provide for-hire driving services; and generally relating to limousines.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 Article - Public Utility Companies
12 Section 10-112
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (1998 Volume and 2003 Supplement)

15 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
16 Article - Transportation
17 Section 11-129.1
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (2002 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

20 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
21 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

22 **Article - Public Utility Companies**

23 10-112.

24 (a) There is a For-Hire Driving Services Enforcement Fund.

25 (b) The Fund is a special, nonlapsing fund that is not subject to § 7-302 of the
26 State Finance and Procurement Article.

1 (c) The purpose of the Fund is to provide adequate resources for the
2 Commission to enforce the requirements of this title concerning for-hire driving
3 services.

4 (d) (1) The Fund consists of assessments made on permits for vehicles
5 regulated by the Commission to provide for-hire driving services in the State.

6 (2) The Commission shall establish an assessment not exceeding \$40 to
7 be paid annually with respect to each vehicle permit to provide for-hire driving
8 services, except for a vehicle permit to be used exclusively for[:

9 (i) limousine service; or

10 (ii)] employee van transportation to or from a designated work site.

11 (e) The Fund is to be used solely for statewide enforcement activities of the
12 Commission relating to taxicab services and sedan services.

13 **Article - Transportation**

14 11-129.1.

15 (A) "Limousine" means a vehicle that:

16 (1) Has been modified or stretched for transportation of passengers; and

17 (2) Is equipped with amenities not normally provided in passenger cars,
18 including a custom interior, television, video cassette recorder, musical sound system,
19 telephone, ice storage area, additional interior lighting, and driver-passenger
20 communication such as an intercom or power-operated driver partition.

21 (B) "LIMOUSINE" INCLUDES A LUXURY SEDAN THAT:

22 (1) HAS A RATED SEATING CAPACITY OF SIX PASSENGERS OR MORE;

23 (2) IS NOT A SPORT UTILITY VEHICLE, VAN, MINIVAN, OR STATION
24 WAGON; AND

25 (3) (I) IS OF THE CURRENT MODEL YEAR; OR

26 (II) HAS AN ODOMETER READING OF LESS THAN 7,500 MILES.

27 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
28 October 1, 2004.